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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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ii ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on

iii ☐ Other

b. ☒ Enclosed

i ☒ Amendment/Reply

ii ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

iv ☒ Other Petition for Extension of Time

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b. ☐ Other

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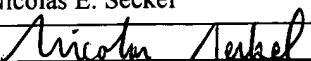
ii ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 790.00 OP

iii ☐ Other

b. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees in connection with filing of this paper or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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